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1. The serious coal shortage in Hungary has compelled the authorities to press forward with alternative means of providing the power required under the 5-Year Plan, and much attention is being given to the construction of hydroelectric stations.
2. The Ministry of Heavy Industry has had instructions to assemble plans for hydroelectric stations on the Tisza and the Danube, so that work can start in the near future. One site has been selected on the Tisza near Tiszabek (R48/059) north of Szolnok, and another at the mouth of the river Maros near Szeged. Both will be built to the same design as the power station near Tiszalok. Hungarian and Rumanian experts are to combine over the planning and construction of the new station near Szeged, and costs will be shared by both countries. It is presumed that this plan will be allied to another for building a weir on the river Mures, to make it navigable for larger shipping as far as Deva, Rumania.
3. Projects for new stations near Visegrad and Győr are to be accelerated. Work will be carried out in co-operation with Czech experts, who were also concerned with building the station at Inota.

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1. Comment: The plan for building a power station near Győr seems to be based on a similar pre-1939 scheme for canalizing this arm of the Danube, making it navigable for shipping, and erecting a hydroelectric power station. As it would affect Czech interests, it is most probable that planning and construction would take place in conjunction with Czechoslovakia.

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